

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: AUGUST 15, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Paul Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 1, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd; Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECONGINITION:

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

The Howard County Commissioners congratulated Howard County Health Department Food Program Inspection Manager Tara Walker. Ms. Walker recently distinguished herself by coordinating all the temporary food inspections at the 2022 Howard County 4-H fair. She organized over 50 permits and inspections with great efficiency. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY CASA:

New Staff Member:

CASA Director Holly Becker stated that Tess Walker has been hired as a part-time employee. Her responsibilities will include being in charge of the internship programs.

HOWARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Opening Bids for Hot In-Place Bituminous Recycling Projects:

Highway Superintendent/Engineer Amber Tolle opened a sealed bid from Gallagher Asphalt in the amount of \$401,602.92. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to take the bid of \$401,602.92 under advisement from Gallagher Asphalt as submitted. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2022-2026 LPA-Consulting Contract:

Highway Superintendent/Engineer Amber Tolle presented the LPA-Consulting Contract for County Bridge inspections for a four-year contract ending in November 2026 in the amount of \$296,920.00 with USI Consultants, Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the contract with USI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$296,920.00 for a four-year contract ending in November 2026. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY MAINTENANCE:

Replacement of Pump for the Howard Haven Lift Station:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a quote from Quality Plumbing and Heating to purchase a new pump for the lift station at Howard Haven at the cost of \$ 6,441.25. Mr. Stonestreet would like to pay this from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Building Upgrades Account (line item 1138.47243.000.0000). A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to purchase the pump for the lift station at Howard Haven in the amount of \$6,441.25

and pay for it out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Building Upgrades Account (line item 1138.47243.000.0000). Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Howard Haven Drain Repair:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet submitted a quote from Quality Plumbing and Heating to replace the main sewer line running from the building to the lift station at Howard Haven in the amount of \$25,177.94. Mr. Stonestreet would like to pay for this from the Cumulative Capital Fund, Building Repair Account (line item 1138.47241.000.0000). A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to replace the main sewer line from the building to the lift station at Howard Haven in the amount of \$25,177.94 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Building Repair Account (line item 1138.47241.000.0000). Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on August 12, 2022, in the amount of \$871,158.82 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on August 12, 2022, in the amount of \$871,158.82 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid August 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,529,886.86 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
4. **Ratify Claims:** Commissioner Wyman presented a claim to be ratified from Superior Court I for NADCP in the amount of \$480.00. Commissioner Wyman also presented a claim to be ratified from Superior Court I for NADCP RISE 22 in the amount of \$6,360.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to ratify both claims from Superior Court I. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
5. **Grants:** CASA Director Holly Becker spoke about the CASA VOCA Grant. Ms. Becker stated that CASA would receive a total of \$64,000.00 for the next two years. This will cover the salary of the Child Advocate Intake Specialist. This position is responsible for all the wellness visits of a child in the CASA program. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to approve the CASA VOCA Grant in the amount of \$64,000.00 made by Commissioner Bray to approve the CASA VOCA Grant in the amount of \$64,000.00 for two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried. Ms. Becker stated since they have someone that does the wellness visits, CASA was able to receive another grant in the amount of \$39,000.00.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:

Commissioner Bray asked for prayers for the Ewing family after the loss of Joe Ewing this week.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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